

How Can Filling a V.O.I.D. and Our Advocates Assist You?

An advocate is a supporter, defender, or someone who can intervene and mediate on someone else's behalf. Our officers and victim advocate work together to support the victim of the impaired driver. Officers will:

- ◆ Contact you after the incident to explain the V.O.I.D. program.
- ◆ Provide support, information, and assistance to a victim and their family.
- ◆ Answer questions and concerns regarding the incident and provide information so that you may contact the officer if necessary. Officers may also be reached through their troop headquarters.
- ◆ Refer you to the appropriate agency or the Victim Hotline if you have specific needs or require further information or service.

The Civilian Crime Victim Advocate at the Hotline can assist you by:

- ◆ Providing community referrals for needs created as a result of the crash.
- ◆ Providing assistance in filing with the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.
- ◆ Initiating contact with law enforcement personnel or the prosecuting attorney.
- ◆ Providing information and assistance regarding the criminal justice system.
- ◆ Providing information concerning the crash or case status.
- ◆ Addressing other needs or concerns you may have.

- ◆ Finding resources and services that are specific to a person's needs.

Someone injured by an impaired (alcohol or drugs) driver, an immediate family member, parent, spouse, child, or sibling of a person killed or injured by an impaired driver is eligible for services provided by the Filling a V.O.I.D. program. Also eligible are:

- ◆ Passengers in a vehicle driven by an impaired driver;
- ◆ Children who are injured in a vehicle driven by their impaired parent or caretaker;
- ◆ Family members of a pedestrian who was hit by an impaired driver; or,
- ◆ Family members or friends of a person who died while driving in an impaired condition.

Guidelines To Obtaining Information

- ◆ **To request a copy of the Accident Report:** If the MSHP worked the crash, you may obtain an Accident Report by sending a letter of request to the Traffic Division at the address listed in the next column. The Accident Report summarizes the facts and circumstances surrounding the event. In your letter, state the date of the traffic crash, location of the crash, and the names of the parties involved. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. There is a charge for this report.
- ◆ **To request a copy of the Reconstruction Report:** A trooper may have a Reconstruction Report created when the crash meets specific criteria. The report typically consists of a nar-

rative including details on the events prior to, during, and after the traffic crash. It may also include a detailed diagram and photographs. A copy of a Reconstruction Report may be requested from the Traffic Division by stating the date and location of the crash and the names of those involved. If you were not directly involved, state your reason for needing the report and relationship to those directly involved. Specify whether or not you want photos sent. There is a cost involved in receiving this report and you will be notified before it is sent. This report is usually available 45 days after the traffic crash.

MSHP Traffic Division
P.O. Box 568

Jefferson City, MO 65102-0568
(573) 526-6113 phone
(573) 751-9921 fax

- ◆ **Contact the investigating officer and the county prosecuting attorney** to discuss or address any questions you may have regarding the case.
- ◆ **Notify the county prosecuting attorney to keep you informed about the case.** To secure your rights as a victim, the law requires that your request be in writing. Doing so will ensure your right to receive information about scheduled court dates in your case.
- ◆ **Keep a record of all expenses that are related to the case.** This information may be needed for the prosecutor to obtain restitution for you.
- ◆ **Find out what your rights are as a victim of a crime.** This information

may be obtained by contacting our hotline or other victim service agencies.

After The Case Has Ended ...

As a victim of crime, you are entitled to information about the offender's custody status, parole hearings, hearing results, release to the community, escape, and death. This information can be obtained by contacting:

Department of Corrections
Victim Services Unit
(573) 526-6516

Crime Victims' Compensation Fund

As a victim of crime, if you have suffered injuries which have caused:

- ◆ A financial loss of at least \$50 out-of-pocket expense, or
- ◆ A loss of two continuous weeks of earnings or support from employment,

you may be eligible to receive financial assistance from the Crime Victims Compensation Fund. For further, specific information about this fund, expenses that may be covered, or for an application and brochure, you may contact:

(800) 347-6881

For Your Information:

The prosecuting attorney for

_____ county is

Phone #: _____

DWI Victim Hotline
1-888-773-1800

Meth Hotline
1-888-823-METH (6384)

Emergency Assistance
1-800-525-5555
or Cellular *55

Road Conditions
1-800-222-6400
or (573) 526-8828

Missouri State Highway Patrol Headquarters:

Troop A — 816-622-0800 (Lee's Summit)
Troop B — 660-385-2132 (Macon)
Troop C — 314-340-4000 (St. Louis)
Troop D — 417-895-6868 (Springfield)
Troop E — 573-840-9500 (Poplar Bluff)
Troop F — 573-751-1000 (Jefferson City)
Troop G — 417-469-3121 (Willow Springs)
Troop H — 816-387-2345 (St. Joseph)
Troop I — 573-368-2345 (Rolla)
General Headquarters — 573-751-3313 (Jefferson City)

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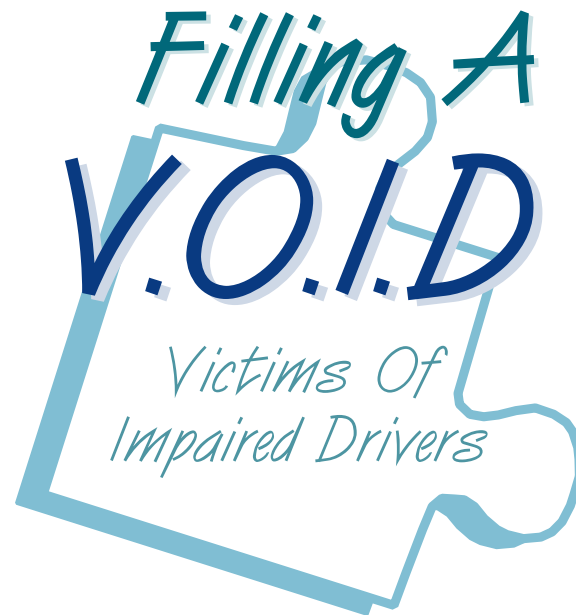


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In Missouri, 4.6 out of every 100 traffic crashes involves drinking. In rural areas, that statistic rises to 6.7. These statistics may seem insignificant—until you or a loved one become one. When that happens, it becomes evident that impaired driving is a serious and devastating crime.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol strives to provide “service and protection” to all individuals living or traveling through Missouri. Those who suffer at the hands of the impaired driver are entitled to receive the same service and protection as victims of any other crime.

The Highway Patrol is committed to providing comprehensive assistance to victims of DWI-related (driving while impaired) crashes through the Filling a V.O.I.D. (Victims Of Impaired Drivers) program. Officers and advocates may often impact the long-term recovery of a victim by helping them and their families obtain assistance from victim service providers and other organizations during a traumatic time in their lives.

This brochure strives to give a brief overview of the services offered through Filling a V.O.I.D. For further information, services, support, or an educational packet, please contact the Crime Victim Advocate by calling:

Victim Hotline: 1-888-773-1800